

CCC-1200 10/2005	<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION</b>		1. State & County Code		
<b>CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION/CONTRACT</b>		2a. Farm Number			
		b. Tract Number(s)			
		3. Contract Number:			
		4a. Primary Fund Code:			
		b. Additional Fund Code(s):			
		5. HUA Number:			
		6. Total Treated Acres:			
THIS is an APPLICATION to participate in the:					
7. PROGRAM (Check One)	a. Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)		b. Conservation Security Program (CSP)	c. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	✓
On the farm identified above the Applicant agrees to participate in the identified program if the offer is accepted by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The undersigned person shall hereafter be referred to as "the Applicant." The Applicant understands that starting a practice prior to CCC approval causes the practice to be ineligible for program financial assistance and the applicant will obtain the landowners signature on the contract to install structural practices. <b>By signing this application, the applicant acknowledges, receipt of the following forms: CCC-1200, the ccc-1200 appendix and any addenda thereto, which are incorporated by reference herein and made a part of the contract.</b>					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (signature of individual or authorized representative of entity or joint operation)				DATE	
7a. Limited Resource Producer and Beginning Farmer Certification					
I _____ certify that I am a: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>LIMITED RESOURCE PRODUCER (EQIP);</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>BEGINNING FARMER/RANCHER (EQIP, CSP),</b> as per the following guidelines:					
<b>Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher:</b> A Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher has the following characteristics: (a) A person with direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than \$100,000 in each of the previous two years (to be increased starting in FY 2004 to adjust for inflation using Prices Paid By Farmers Index as compiled by NASS), <b>and</b> (b) Has a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four, or less than 50 percent of county median household income (to be determined annually using Commerce Department Data), in each of the previous two years. An entity or joint operation can be a Limited Resource Producer if all individual members qualify as a Limited Resource Producer.		<b>Beginning Farmer or Rancher:</b> (a) Has not operated a farm or ranch, or who has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 consecutive years. This requirement applies to all members of an entity, and (b) Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch. (i) In the case of a contract with an individual, individually or with the immediate family, material and substantial participation requires that the individual provide substantial day-to-day labor and management of the farm or ranch, consistent with the practices in the county or State where the farm is located. (ii) In the case of a contract made with an entity, all members must materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch. Material and substantial participation requires that the members provide some amount of the management, or labor and management necessary for day-to-day activities, such that if the members did not provide these inputs, operation of the farm or ranch would be seriously impaired.			
<b>NOTE:</b> All applicants that certify eligibility as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher or Beginner Farmer or Rancher will provide all records necessary to justify their claim as requested by a CCC representative. <b>It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide accurate data. False certifications are subject to criminal and civil fraud statutes.</b>					
Signature				Date	

## 8. Contract Language

THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (referred to as "CCC") and the undersigned owners, operators, or tenants (referred to as "Owner", "Operator", & "Tenant"; respectively) on the farm identified above. The undersigned person or persons shall hereafter be referred to as "the Participant". The Participant agrees to participate in the program designated in Section 7 from the date the Contract is executed by CCC to the contract expiration date in Section 9. The Participant also agrees to implement the plan of operations developed and approved by the Participant and CCC. Additionally, the Participant and CCC agree to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Contract, including the appendix to this Contract, entitled "Appendix to Form CCC-1200" for the applicable program (referred to as "Appendix"), and any other addenda thereto. The Participant also agrees to pay such applicable liquidated damages in an amount specified in the Appendix for the applicable program if the Participant cancels the agreement before the contract expires or the CCC terminates the contract.

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2b. FARM &amp; TRACT NUMBER(S), (Continued):

4b. ADDITIONAL FUND CODE(S), (Continued):

9b. AGREEMENT PERIOD

Contract Start Date:

Contract Expiration Date:

NOTE: Contract can expire no earlier than one year after the last scheduled practice is certified completed to standards and specifications.

	TOTAL	20__									
Total FA:											
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Total Contract Obligations:											

## 10. CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS

NAME, ADDRESS, and PHONE NUMBER	OW	OP	PAYMENT SHARES (%)	ID NUMBER: 1/
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11. CCC USE ONLY - Payments according to the shares approved.

SIGNATURE OF CCC REPRESENTATIVE

1/ Joint operation ID, if applicable.

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## CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS (+/-)

AMOUNT.	NRCS INITIAL	DATE	COMMENTS
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## PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0578-0013. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 45/0.75 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

## PRIVACY ACT

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a). The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR 1466 (EQIP), 7 CFR 1469 (FPP), 7 CFR 636 (WHIP), and Public Law 106-224, Section 133(b), AMA, and Section 211(b), SWCA. The information will be used to allow a farmer, rancher, or landowner to apply for conservation benefits under the terms and conditions of the contract. Furnishing the required information is necessary to determine properly the eligible land for the applicable program benefits. Failure to furnish the requested information will result in the applicant being unable to apply for or receive benefits under the applicable programs. This information may be provided to other agencies, IRS, Department of Justice, or other State or Federal Law Enforcement agencies, and in response to a court magistrate or administrative tribunal. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 U.S.C. 286, 287, 371, 641, 651, 1001; 15 U.S.C. 714m; and 31 U.S.C. 3729 may also be applicable to the information provided.

## USDA NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Commodity Credit Corporation

**APPENDIX TO FORM CCC-1200 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES  
PROGRAM (EQIP) CONTRACT**

**1 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EQIP**

- A** The Participant must complete and file form AD-1026 (Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification) and meet the requirements set forth therein, in accordance with the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. By signing this EQIP Contract (Contract), the Participant certifies that the Participant has completed and filed the AD-1026 and meets the requirements set forth in the highly erodible land conservation-wetland conservation (HELC-WC) provisions.
- B** The Participant must complete and file form CCC-526 (Payment Eligibility Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification) and meet the requirements therein. By signing this Contract, the Participant certifies that the Participant has completed and submitted form CCC-526 and meets the requirements therein.
- C** The Participant must complete and file form CCC-501A (Member's Information) if he or she represents a business classified as an entity or joint operation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under 7 CFR part 1400.
- D** The Participant must have control of the land for this Contract period. By signing this Contract, the Participant certifies that the Participant will control the land subject to this Contract for the terms of this Contract period and shall, upon request, provide evidence to CCC demonstrating that such Participant will control the land for that period. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will determine Tribal land eligibility.
- E** The Participant shall not be eligible for Contract payments for: (1) practices that are required to meet HELC and WC compliance requirements found in 7 CFR part 12, (2) practices that are included in maintenance agreements (with financial reimbursements for maintenance) that existed prior to participation, (3) a non-land based structure that is not integral to a land based practice, or (4) new practices that were applied with cost-share assistance through other USDA cost-share programs.
- F** Land otherwise eligible for the EQIP shall not be eligible if the land is subject to a deed or other restriction prohibiting the application of the conservation plan and associated practices or where a benefit has or will be obtained from a Federal agency in return for the Participant's agreement not to implement the conservation plan and associated practices on the land during the same time as the land would be enrolled in this Contract. By applying for the EQIP contract, the Participant certifies as a condition for payment that no such restrictions apply to the subject land.

- G** The Participant is responsible for obtaining the authorities, permits, easements, or other approvals necessary for the implementation, operation, and maintenance of the conservation practices in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. A Participant must comply with all laws and is responsible for all effects or actions resulting from the Participant's performance under this Contract.
- H** The Participant who submitted the EQIP application must be entitled to a share in the crop or livestock available for marketing from the applicable agriculture operation to be eligible to participate in this Contract.

## **2 SELECTING OFFERS FROM PRODUCERS**

All applications will be evaluated using a selection process developed locally by the State Conservationist or Designated Conservationist, with advice from the State Technical Committee or Local Work Group. The CCC-1200 and its appendix is a request to enter into the EQIP under the terms specified in this Contract.

## **3 AGREEMENT**

**A** The participant agrees:

- (1) To place eligible land into the EQIP for the period of time as specified on the CCC-1200 beginning on the date this Contract is executed by CCC;
- (2) Not start any financially assisted practice or activity or engage the reimbursable services of a certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) before this Contract is executed by CCC. The Participant may request, in writing, a waiver of this requirement for financially assisted practices by the NRCS State Conservationist (STC) or designee;
- (3) Apply or commence a financially assisted practice within the first 12 months from the date this Contract is signed by NRCS. The Participant may request, in writing, a waiver of this requirement from the NRCS STC or designee for circumstances beyond the Participant's control;
- (4) Establish conservation practices specified in this Contract as scheduled and to operate and maintain these practices for the lifespan identified in this Contract and to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all applicable Federal, State, Tribal and local laws;
- (5) Not undertake any action on land under the Participant's control which tends to defeat the purposes of EQIP, as determined by CCC;
- (6) Discontinue work in the general area of the site and notify NRCS immediately if during the construction of any practice a previously unidentified endangered species, archeological or historical site is encountered;
- (7) Provide receipts, as necessary, as proof of payments, and to maintain proof of payment documentation for three (3) years after the end of the fiscal year in which the practice or activity was completed,

and to present this documentation to CCC within 30 days if selected for administrative compliance check;

- (8) Allow access to the land under Contract to the CCC representative for monitoring progress on this Contract;
- (9) Supply records and information as required by CCC to determine compliance with the Contract and requirements of EQIP; and
- (10) Develop and implement all practices identified in a comprehensive nutrient management plan in those contracts that include a waste storage or treatment facility.
- (11) Implement a program of conservation measures that will result in a net savings, as defined by the STC, of ground and surface water resources in the agricultural operation of the producer for contracts funded under 16 U.S.C. 3839aa-9, Ground and Surface Water Conservation.

#### **4 PAYMENTS**

**A** Subject to the availability of funds, CCC will make cost-share and incentive payments at the rates specified in this Contract after a determination by CCC that an eligible practice or activity has been established in compliance with the EQIP plan of operations and in accordance with appropriate standards and specifications. In order to receive payments, the Participant, upon technical certification of the completed practice or activity, must execute and file with CCC a form NRCS-1245, Practice Approval and Payment Application, along with any receipts, as necessary.

**B** In order to be reimbursed for technical services approved under this agreement and performed by a certified TSP hired by the Participant, a Participant must execute a request for payment on form NRCS-1245. The Participant must also submit to CCC an invoice from the TSP for the work performed, as well as any documentation CCC may require in order to ensure that the technical services were carried out in accordance with NRCS requirements.

It is the Participant's responsibility to ensure that the technical services obtained from a TSP hired by the Participant meet program requirements. CCC will not reimburse the Participant if the technical services provided by the TSP do not meet EQIP requirements. If CCC terminates this Contract as provided under paragraph 9 of this appendix, CCC may seek reimbursement of any TSP payments made to the Participant.

**C** All payments received as part of a Contract are reported to the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on form 1099-G. For information related to tax liabilities, consult with a tax accountant or refer to IRS publication 225, Farmers Tax Guide.

**D** Payments will only be issued for practices that meet or exceed the practice standards described in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.



- E** Payments will be issued based on cost data provided in Section 9a of the Contract (PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT SCHEDULED FOR CONTRACT). This reflects costs and/or payment rates in effect for the year of Contract obligation. Adjustments will not be made to reflect inflation or other increases that occur during subsequent years.
- F** Any participant that will receive financial benefit from the implementation of this Contract must be a signatory on the Contract. Any participant on the Contract may approve payment applications for the Contract.

## **5 PROVISIONS RELATING TO TENANTS AND LANDLORDS**

- A** No payment will be approved for the current year if CCC determines that any of the following conditions exist:
  - (1) The landlord or operator has not given the tenants that have an interest in the unit of concern covered by the Contract, or that have a lease that runs through this Contract period at the time of sign up, an opportunity to participate in the benefits of EQIP.
  - (2) The landlord or operator has adopted any other scheme or device for the purpose of depriving any tenant of any benefits to which such tenant would otherwise be entitled. If any such conditions occur or are discovered after payments have been made, all or any part of the payments, as determined by CCC, must be refunded with interest and no further payments shall be made.

## **6 MISREPRESENTATION AND SCHEME OR DEVICE**

- A** A Participant who is determined to have erroneously represented any fact affecting a determination with respect to this Contract and the regulations applicable to this Contract, adopted any scheme or device which tends to defeat the purposes of this Contract, or made any fraudulent representation with respect to this Contract, will not be entitled to payments or any other benefits made under this Contract. The Participant must refund to CCC all payments received plus interest and liquidated damages. In addition, NRCS will terminate the Participant's interest in all EQIP Contracts.
- B** CCC will charge interest on monies it determines to be due and owing to CCC under this Contract from the date such monies were originally disbursed. The interest rate will be determined using the current value of funds rate, published annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Treasury.
- C** The provisions of paragraph 6A of this Appendix shall be applicable in addition to any other criminal and civil fraud statutes.

## **7 CHANGES TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT**

- A** If any changes to the terms and conditions of this Contract become necessary prior to the date that this Contract is approved on behalf of CCC, CCC will notify, in writing, the Applicant signing the CCC-1200 of such change and such person(s) will be given 10 days from the date of notification in which to agree

to the revised terms and conditions or to withdraw from this Contract request. The Applicant agrees to notify, in writing, the CCC of an intention to withdraw the program participation request within 10 days from the date of the issuance of such notice and further agrees that failure to notify the CCC will constitute agreement to the revised terms and conditions.

- B** CCC may unilaterally modify this Contract when the installed practice would cause adverse impacts to significant cultural and/or environmental resources without mitigation action.
- C** The Participant and CCC may modify this Contract by mutual agreement when:
- (1) Both the Participant and the appropriate approving authority (State Conservationist, or Designated Conservationist) agree to this modification;
  - (2) At the request of the Participant, and upon approval of NRCS, if the modification is consistent with the purposes of EQIP;
  - (3) A transfer of this Contract occurs, provided NRCS approval is obtained and the transferee accepts the terms of this Contract, and the transferee is eligible and accepts all responsibilities under this Contract including operation and maintenance of those practices already installed or to be installed.
- D** All modifications to this Contract processed through paragraph 7C must be approved by the authorized NRCS official and the Participant or an individual having been granted signature authority through a valid Power of Attorney filed in the local Service Center.

## **8 CORRECTIONS**

CCC reserves the right to correct all errors in entering data or the results of computations in this Contract.

## **9 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

- A** If a Participant fails to carry out the terms and conditions of this Contract, CCC may terminate this Contract or determine that such failure does not warrant termination. In either case, CCC may require the Participant(s) to refund, with interest, payments received under this Contract, or require the Participant(s) to accept such adjustments in subsequent payments as are determined to be appropriate by CCC.

Refunds determined by CCC to be due and owing to CCC under this provision will accrue interest at the current value of funds rate, published annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Treasury, from the date originally disbursed to the Participant up to the day the repayment is received by CCC.

- B** The CCC may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, without liability, if CCC determines that continued operation of this Contract will result in the violation of

a Federal statute or regulation, or if CCC determines that termination would be in the public interest.

## **10 RECOVERY OF COST**

- A** In the event the Participant violates the terms of this Contract, the Participant voluntarily terminates this Contract before any contractual payments have been made, or this Contract is terminated with cause by CCC, the CCC will incur substantial costs in administering this Contract which may not be possible to quantify with certainty. Therefore, in addition to the refund of payments plus interest due as set forth in paragraph 9, the Participant agrees to pay liquidated damages up to an amount equal to 20 percent of the total financial assistance obligated to the Participant in this Contract, at the time of termination. This liquidated damages payment is for recovery of administrative costs and technical services and is not a penalty.
- B** The Participant may be required by the CCC to refund all or a portion of any assistance earned under EQIP if the Participant sells or loses control of the land under this Contract and the new owner or transferee is not eligible for EQIP or refuses to assume responsibility under the contract.

## **11 EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Contract is effective when signed by the Participants and an authorized representative of CCC. Except as otherwise provided for herein, this Contract may not be terminated or modified unless by mutual agreement between the parties. Within the dates established by CCC, this Contract must be signed by all required Participants.

## **12 GENERAL TERMS**

- A** The regulations in 7 CFR part 1466 for EQIP are incorporated, by reference, herein. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and the terms of this Appendix, the provisions of the regulations will prevail.
- B** This Contract shall be carried out in accordance with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations. Any ambiguities in this Contract and questions as to the validity of any of its specific provisions shall be resolved in favor of CCC so as to give maximum effect to the conservation purposes of this Contract.
- C** NRCS is administering this Contract on behalf of the CCC. Therefore, where this Contract refers to "CCC", NRCS may act on its behalf for the purposes of administering this Contract. When the term "Participant" is used in this Contract, it shall be construed to mean all Participants signing this Contract. Likewise, when the term "Applicant" is used in this Contract, it means all Applicants signing the EQIP application.
- D** Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions (7 CFR part 3017).
- (1) The Participant certifies to the best of the Participant's knowledge and belief, that the Participant and his or her principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) Have not within the three-year period preceding this agreement had a criminal conviction or civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local government) Contract, including violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses set forth above in paragraph 12D(1)(b) of this certification; and
  - (d) Have not within the three-year period preceding this agreement had one or more public Contracts (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) If the Participant is unable to certify to any of the statements set forth in paragraph 12D (1), the Participant shall attach an explanation to this agreement.

**E** This Contract is a financial assistance agreement, not a procurement contract and is governed by the terms set forth herein.

### **13 RIGHTS TO APPEAL AND REQUEST EQUITABLE RELIEF**

**A** The Participant may appeal an adverse decision under this Contract in accordance with the appeal procedures set forth at 7 CFR part 11, Subpart A and part 614. Pending the resolution of an appeal, no payments shall be made under this agreement. Before a Participant seeks judicial review, the Participant must exhaust all appeal rights granted within these regulations.

**B** The Participant may also request equitable relief as provided under 7 U.S.C. 7996 and 7 CFR 635 with the requirements of that provision.

### **14 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS**

The Participant agrees to give the CCC or the Comptroller General, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to this Contract. The Participant agrees to retain all records related to this agreement for a period of three years after completion of the terms of this agreement in accordance with the applicable Office of Management and Budget circular.

**15 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (7 CFR part 3017)**

By signing this Contract, the Participant certifies that he/she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance while conducting any activity associated with this Contract. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when CCC determined to award this Contract. If it is later determined that the Participant knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.; 7 CFR part 3017, Subpart F, Section 3017.600) CCC, in addition to any other remedies available to the United States, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

**16 CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING (7 CFR part 3018) (Applicable if this agreement exceeds \$100,000)**

**A** The Participant certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Participant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
- (3) The Participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**17 CERTIFICATION REGARDING NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES (7 CFR part 3015)**

**A** The participant agrees to:

- (1) Include in any single contractual agreement estimated to exceed \$10,000 the non-segregated facilities provisions applicable to federally assigned construction contracts;
- (2) Comply with Executive Order 11246 and the non-segregated facilities provisions with regard to employment of people specifically to assist the participant in construction work estimated to exceed \$10,000 to be installed in any 12-month period; and
- (3) Actively assist NRCS in obtaining from the contractor full compliance with the non-segregated facilities provisions in any contractual arrangement entered into by the participant.

**B** The NRCS contracting officer is to furnish the participant all forms, posters, and instructions for compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the non-segregated facilities provisions.

**18 CERTIFICATION REGARDING CLEAN AIR AND WATER (Applicable if this agreement exceeds \$100,000 or a facility has been the subject of a conviction under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857C-8(c) (1) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319 (c)).**

**A** The participant agrees to:

- (1) Comply with all the requirements of section 114 of the Clean Air Act as amended and section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified by each act before signing this agreement;
- (2) That no portion of the work required by this agreement will be performed in a facility listed on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities on the date when this agreement was signed by NRCS unless and until the EPA eliminates the name of such facility or facilities from such listing; and
- (3) Use their best efforts to comply with clean air standards and clean water standards at the facilities in which the agreement is being performed.

The following owners, operators, and producers by entering their signature acknowledge receipt of this Appendix to CCC-1200 and agree to its terms and conditions thereof. Further, if the undersigned are succeeding to an existing EQIP contract, the undersigned agree and certify that no agreement exists or will be entered into between the undersigned, the previous owner and operator of the property, or mortgage holder that would, maintain or create an interest in the property for any previous Participant on this Contract for that property, or to receive payments under the contracts.

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